SEVENTH ANNUAL NAVA MEETING

The 7th Annual Meeting of the North American Vexillological Association, which was held November 2nd through 4th, 1973, was possibly the most varied in activity and no doubt the busiest ever held. All participants (more than 70 persons) seemed to agree that the food, housing and meeting facilities of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa., were superb!

The subjects of the lectures included:

- Apiculture (bees) in Vexillology, by Bob Gauron
- Flags and the Franklin Mint, by Barbara Hoyt
- The Great Seal of the U.S., by Florence Hutchison
- Boy Scout Flag Ceremonies, by Zach Hirsch
- American Legion Flag Projects, by Jeanette Doetsch
- Military Flags, by Arthur Etchells
- American Patriots Award Ceremony, by George Cahill

The banquet speakers included Mr. P. William Filby, Director, Maryland Historical Society, who described comprehensively the historical development of the National Anthem of the United States, showing several voids in the traditional view. NAVA President Whitney Smith reported on the International Congress in London, where NAVA had the largest delegation.

Exhibits included Stanley Smullen's historic flags, a variety of flags owned by Charles Brannon, the Universal Christian Flag furnished by John Szala, and several other exhibits supplementing lecture topics.

Tours included the facilities of the Dettra Flag Company, the Freedoms Foundation, Independence Hall, the Betsy Ross House, the Philadelphia Light Horse Troop Headquarters, Christ Church and Valley Forge Park.

Bill Dwiggins of the Annin Flag Company supplied some 40 sets of six 4" x 6" rayon foreign flags for meeting participants that included the new United Nations members. Documents furnished to participants included reprints of the flag section of the World Book Encyclopedia, the new flag education booklet used by the Boy Scouts of America, and background information on the Universal Christian Flag. Still other materials were distributed in connection with the lectures.

One of the highlights of the 7th NAVA meeting had to be an uplifting, non-denominational religious service held at the Freedoms Foundation chapel. John Szala, our Corresponding Secretary and newly-ordained Unitarian minister, lead the service.

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All members agreed that the meeting committee, Gail and Jack Lingo, and Claire and Bill Spangler, had done an outstanding job.

--Michael E. Tancey.

The Business Session of the seventh Annual Membership meeting of the North American Vexillological Association was opened in the General MacArthur Bldg. of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, November 4, 1973 at 10:37 a.m., with Dr. Whitney Smith presiding.

Members present were:

Dr. Whitney Smith
John Szala
E. Jane Burkett
Jeannette G. Doetsch
George McKale
J. Theodore Cuthbertson
A. Zack Hirsch
Glady's M. Cantrell
S. Smullen
Jack Lingo

Mike Tancey
John Purcell
Gary Grahl
R. Dickson
Guy Cross
George Cahill
John Mokler
C. E. Brockmeyer
Robert Gauron
Edd Cantrell

Esther A. Bundy
W. C. Dwiggins
Ken Spink
William Spangler
Florence Hutchison
John M. Hartvigsen
Mary O'Malley
Richard Loe
Ashley Talbot
Kenneth Huff

Guests present were:

Gail Lingo
Claire Spangler
Clara Wiese
Mrs. J. Theodore Cuthbertson

Ann Cantrell
Nick Cantrell
Barbara Huff
Mrs. Gary Grahl

Mrs. Richard Loe
Maysel Gauron
Wilma Tancey

Minutes of the October 28, 1972 Annual Membership Meeting were read by the Recording Secretary and were approved by general consent.

The following reports were tendered to the Association and are enclosed in the record:

Treasurer's Report: Gary Grahl
The Treasurer requested that the Canadian members, if possible, pay their dues by funds on a United States bank or by Canadian money order. This would ease bookkeeping requirements.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: John Szala

The President and Executive Board Report: Dr. Whitney Smith

It was agreed by acclamation that special thanks should be given to Jack and Gail Lingo and Bill and Claire Spangler, who were our hosts for the seventh annual meeting.

Reports by Special Committees:

Investigation of the Rhode Island and Bunker Hill Flags. Bill Dwiggin's reported that the committee had unanimously agreed that the stars of the Rhode Island flag are gold. He asked that the report on the Bunker Hill flag be tabled until the next NAVA meeting.

Personal Flag Committee. A report by the chairman, Charles Brannan (who had to leave early) was read by Ashley Talbot. Members of NAVA were again urged to design their own personal flags and have them made by themselves or by a flag manufacturer.

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George Cahill moved that NAVA express its good wishes to Lawrence Tower, who was in the hospital at the time of the meeting. The motion was carried, and the Corresponding Secretary was instructed by the President to write him.

Florence Hutchison moved that a flag committee be formed to determine the exact design of the original 13-star flag. It was seconded by Marty O'Malley. After some discussion George Cahill offered a substitute motion, "that members of the Association pay careful attention to the question of the correct design of the original stars and stripes, so that NAVA may consider whether to take an official position on the question." The substitute motion was seconded by Mike Tancey and was carried.

Eighth Annual Meeting. On a motion by Gary Grahl, seconded by John Hartvigsen, the next meeting of NAVA would be held in Toronto, Ontario. The motion was carried.

(Editor's note: As this issue goes to press, the President reports that he has consulted the other members of the Executive Board, and the firm dates of October 12, 13, and 14, 1974, have been decided upon.)

Election of Officers: The Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers for 1973-74 as follows:

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On motion of Bill Dwiggins, seconded by John Mokler and carried, the secretary was directed to cast one vote for the election of the slate nominated.

Nominating Committee: Mr. Mokler moved that the nominating committee for the next meeting be the same as the previous year. It was seconded by Florence Hutchison. The committee will consist of Messrs. Blakeslee, Dwiggins and Tower.

On motion by Oscar Brockmeyer, seconded by Esther Bundy, the Seventh Annual Membership Meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Huff

NEW BOOKS ON VEXILLOLOGY

Three new books of interest to vexillologists are:


*Symbols of the Nations*, by A. Guy Hope and Janet Berker Hope, published by Public Affairs Press, Washington, D.C., 1973, $10.00. This book includes a black-and-white photograph of the national flag of each country of the world and each state of the United States, as well as the state seals, and the coats-of-arms of each of the constituent republics of the U.S.S.R.


Prof. P. William Filby (left), Director of the Maryland Historical Society, and Dr. Whitney Smith, NAVA President, at the Seventh Annual Membership Meeting, Valley Forge, Penna., in November.

NAVA CONVENTION PHOTOS

Our official photographer, Gary Grahl, is preparing a set of slides covering the first seven years of NAVA. He is requesting all NAVA members to look through photos and slides taken at past NAVA conventions and activities and send either copies or original slides and/or photo negatives to him for possible use in this project. After duplication, all slides and negatives will be returned. Please send all material to Gary Grahl, 1425 Thieriot Avenue, Bronx, N. Y. 10460.

LATE NOTE

The NAVA photographer reports that his slides of the 1973 convention were spoiled in development. The only two that came out are printed above. Anyone present who took photos or slides is asked to send them to Gary Grahl for duplication. They will be returned.
The Fifth International Congress of Vexillology was held in London, England, from September 13th through 18th, 1973. Present were some 60 delegates from 14 countries, including one from South Africa.

The Congress was sponsored by the Flag Institute of Chester, England, and was a residential one, with delegates accommodated in rooms of College Hall of the University of London in the Bloomsbury section of the city, not far from the British Museum. Lectures and work sessions took place in various lecture rooms of the University, which at that time had not yet started its fall semester. Meals were taken together in the College dining hall.

Interspersed between day and evening work sessions were chartered bus trips to places of interest to the delegates. Places visited were the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich, the Commonwealth Institute on Kensington High Street, and the National Army Museum, all of which had many flag and heraldry exhibits. The Congress was climaxed by a gala dinner in a private dining room at Verrey's, a famous restaurant on Regent Street.

The truly international character of the Congress was emphasized by the list of speakers and the subjects of papers that were presented:

- The symbols of Peace and Pacifism . . . . . Dr. Whitney Smith
- Les Drapeaux Officiels aux Pays-Bas . . . . . J.S. Rombech and Klaes Sierksma
- The Evolution of the Color Guard in the U.S. Army . . . . . H. Michael Medaus
- A Vexillological Outlook on Color Specifications . . . . . . Arnold Rabbow
- Republic Flags in South Africa in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries . . . . . Dr. C. Peas
- Colors and Uniforms from the De Gorter Manuscript . W. Van Ham
- The Great Imperial Standard as Reflected in the Heraldry of Wurttemberg . . . . . H. D. Birk
- Flags of Switzerland and its Cantons in the Napoleonic Period and the French Revolution . Dr. G. Matters
- An International Standard for Flags . . . . . Dr. Atle Grahl-Madsen
- Les Fonctions du Drapeau et le Developpement de la Conscience Socio-politique . . . . . Georges Pasch
- Symbolism of Celestial Objects . . . . . Alfred Znamierowski
- The Development of English Military Colors . . . . W. Y. Carman

The Congress received notice in the press, in the form of a 2-column article in the London Times with a photograph showing Dr. Whitney Smith of NAVA and William G. Crampton of the Flag Institute, host to the Congress, with the official flag of the Federation of Vexillological Associations. There was also an article on the Congress in Time Magazine for 1 October 1973, which included a photograph of 22 of the delegates, some holding flags (six of the delegates in the picture just happened to be NAVA members). This article provided valuable publicity for the Congress among readers in the United States, and for the cause of vexillology in general.

One of the highlights of the Congress was an evening visit to the Martini & Rossi Terrace atop the New Zealand House, one of London's tallest buildings, in Haymarket, where a remarkable panorama of the city unfolded through floor-to-ceiling windows in every direction as the daylight faded into evening and the city lights came on.

--Newton Blakeslee
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
International Federation of Vexillological Associations
London, England, 14 and 17 September 1973

I. In the absence of the President of the Federation, the meeting was called to order by the FIAV Secretary-General, Dr. Whitney Smith. The following member-associations were present, as represented by their accredited delegates:

- Association Francaise d'Etudes Internationales Vexillologiques (Georges Pasch)
- The Flag Institute (William Crampton)
- The Flag Research Center (Dr. Whitney Smith)
- Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde (W. A. van Ham)
- North American Vexillological Association (Newton Blakeslee)
- Office Genealogique et Heraldique de Belgique (Roger Harmignies)
- Societe Suisse de Vexillologie (Peter Mader)
- Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek (Klaas Sierksma)
- United States Flag Foundation (Lawrence P. Tower)
- Wappen-Herold, Deutsche Heraldisch Gesellschaft (Dr. Ottfried Neubecker)

Delegates of members whose flags were displayed gave brief introductions to the history and symbolism of those flags. No delegates were present from the Flag Plaza Foundation, the Flag Section of the Heraldry Society, and the Sezione Vexillologica. Dr. Franz Kaindl was the only individual from a country in which no vexillological association exists, and consequently served as a delegate in accordance with Art. X of the FIAV Statutes.

II. The minutes of the General Assembly of 24 June 1971 were read and approved.

III. The applications for membership in the FIAV by Centro Italiano Studi Vessillologici and of the Nordisk Flagselskab were approved, and Dr. Vezio Melegari was recognized as a delegate of the former. A letter of fraternal greeting from the Vexillological Club of Prague was read. It was noted in the record that the name of the Flag Plaza Foundation has been officially changed to the National Flag Foundation. At this point the session of 14 September was adjourned.

IV. When the session was reconvened on 17 September a general discussion was held concerning the coincidence of design between the flags of the Flag Institute and the Nordisk Flagselskab. A letter from the FIAV President, Mr. Louis Mühlemann, indicating his desire not to be re-elected, was read. His decision was accepted with regret, and by unanimous consent he was designated Honorary President of the Federation. At the same time Dr. Atle Grahl-Madsen was appointed Chairman of the Terminology Commission.

V. Following extensive discussion during an evening session of Fifth International Congress of Vexillology, it was decided that in the future reference to the proportions of flags should always start with the dimension of the hoist, followed by the other (normally longer) dimension; and that flag manufacturers, publishers and others should be urged to adopt this international convention. That decision was formally voted by the General Assembly.

VI. Dr. Ottfried Neubecker was elected President for the period 1973 - 1975. The following councillors were also elected: for Germany, Dr. Johan Klein; for the United Kingdom, William Crampton; for Norway, Dr. Atle Grahl-Madsen; for Denmark, Christian Fogd Pedersen. The remaining members of the Board and Council were re-elected without change. Dr. Smith then relinquished the chair to Dr. Neubecker.

VII. The offer of the Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek to sponsor the Sixth International Congress of Vexillology in 1975, and the offer of the North American Vexillological Association to sponsor the Seventh International Congress of Vexillology in 1977 were accepted with thanks, following which the General Assembly adjourned.

—Whitney Smith
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor, NAVA News: As a NAVA member, I urgently protest the mailing, with the current (Sept., 1973) NAVA News, of the wholly propagandistic brochure for the "Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge." Surely in this day and age we can recognize blatant Fascism for what it is. There is, as you know, as I know, as we have all repeatedly learned from childhood, no "American built-in fundamental belief in God," "Right to own Private Property" in our American freedoms!! Rather, unlike what our current administration would have us believe, we do own the Magna Carta, and our own special bill of rights. Please, no propaganda 200 years later!

--Halmstad, NAVA active member.

Editor, NAVA News: Reading your very interesting NAVA News about the holidays in July especially, I think you should extend the list of July holidays to such nations:

July 4 - Independence Day of Siberia (1918)
July 5 - St. Cyril of Methodius, first bishop of Slovakia (863)
July 5 - Commemoration of the assassination of the Slovak patriot Cherniak (1955)
July 12 - Independence day of Montenegro (1941)
July 13- Armed Forces day of Croatia
July 28- Day of St. Velodimir, the greatest ruler of the Ruthenian empire (979 - 1015) who officially introduced Christianity in ancient Ukraine
July 29- Memorial day in Croatia (1815)

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--W. Trembicky, Brooklyn, N. Y.

WELL, WHAT D'YOU KNOW!

Vexillology was mentioned on the T.V. "Jeopardy" show on November 2, 1973. The question was: "Vexillum" is Latin for "standard"; what does a vexillologist study? Would you believe that one of the panelists popped up with the answer and it was the correct one? That's what happened!
--contributed by M.F.B.

It has been suggested by one of the prominent NAVA members that what the NAVA News needs to pep it up is a good nude center spread. Any volunteers?

TUMBLING WATERS

Montgomery, Alabama, 28 November 1973. Charles E. Brannon announces that he will open a Vexillological Museum in the Montgomery, Alabama area on an "experimental basis." He says: "This has been my dream for a long time but I thought it would have to be a retirement hobby, not something that could be done in the present... It is to become a reality in May, 1974." He declined to comment on the exact location of the museum, but said that more information would be available after mid-January.

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"This will be a very small operation at first, with an area open to the public on a part-time basis. The museum will be housed in a structure that will be remodelled for the purpose. If all goes well, we will build and/or expand in the future. The museum will be named the Tumbling Waters Museum and will have a two-fold purpose: research and education.

"This is all I can announce about the building at this time because of our negotiations. I have invited college-age vexillologists in the Western Hemisphere, and Dr. Whitney Smith, who is Executive Director of the Flag Research Center in Winchester, Massachusetts, to a meeting from December 27 through 29 in Montgomery. We will discuss all aspects of the museum and related matters."

For more information or research data, contact Public Relations, at 2080 Myrtlewood Drive, Montgomery, Alabama, 36111.

NAVA YEARBOOK
THE 1973-74 NAVA YEARBOOK is now in the process of being compiled for publication. Members who wish to change or update the information included after their names may do so by writing to the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. John R.B. Szala, 560 Chatham Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15220. Those who did not return the questionnaire last year are requested to send in data on their vexillological interests for inclusion in this year's edition.

38 STATES 38 Both Time magazine and The Smithsonian printed in December 1973 an article about a proposed new division of the U.S. into 38 states, saving $4 billion in state government expenses. And both printed a necessary new flag design by Whitney Smith.

1974 NAVA DUES The NAVA Treasurer is currently accepting dues for 1974. These have remained the same: $6.00 for active members, $3.00 for associate members (North American students or spouses of members, and all non-continental members), and $25.00 for institutional members. Despite inflation, dues have not increased since 1967.

To be certain that NAVA receives the full amount of your remittance, you are asked to observe the following:
NAVA members in Canada: Please send Canadian Postal Money Orders or cheques drawn on Canadian banks in United States funds.
NAVA members in the U.S.: Please do not send cash; send personal cheques, bank drafts or U.S. postal money orders.
NAVA members overseas: Send international money orders or bank drafts in U.S. funds. Please make remittances payable to the North American Vexillological Assn. or to N.A.V.A. and send to Mr. Gary Grahl, Treasurer, 1425 Thieriot Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10460. Use form below.

NORTH AMERICAN VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Date: ______________________

I wish to RENEW membership in the NORTH AMERICAN VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION in the membership category indicated below. I enclose $ _______.

☐ Active Member ($6)    ☐ Institutional Member ($25)
☐ Associate Member ($3; available only to students, spouses of members, and non-residents of North America)

Name ____________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________

please include postal code